



Docket No.: 837.1971

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toru KATAGIRI, et al.

Serial No. 09/960,405

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 5622

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Examiner: LEUNG, Christina Y

For: OPTICAL NODE DEVICE AND SYSTEM INCLUDING THE DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on August 17, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 17, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.